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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord, throughout the sacred history of the Bible, You have called people. Sometimes they are asked to leave the familiar and set out into an unknown future. In all cases, they are given a specific purpose or mission. Usually those You call are asked to serve others.

What a blessing it is to serve at Your call and to act in Your name.

Bless the Members of the House of Representatives. You have brought them here to be attentive to the needs of their constituents and at the same time serve the Nation and national interests.

Bless them for Your service. They come to do Your will. To pour out themselves in the service of others is to reveal Your Spirit at work in them. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced

that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 355. Concurrent Resolution congratulating the University of Delaware men's football team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association I-AA national championship.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes per side.

### AMERICA IS TIRED OF NEGATIVE POLITICS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor outraged and disappointed at the conduct of the Presidential candidate, Senator JOHN KERRY. To issue a term about our Commander in Chief and calling him a liar is disgusting, despicable; and we reject this kind of politics.

Today, it was reported on Fox News that the Saddam Hussein government stole over \$4 billion from the Food-for-Oil Program to help the poor people in that country of Iraq. They spent the proceeds of that \$4 billion bribing and paying off officers all over the world. 400,000-plus people died at the hands of Saddam Hussein, and the candidate running for President is calling our Commander in Chief a liar.

I think that is regrettable, think it is disgusting; and they have consistently used this kind of terminology throughout this entire campaign. America is tired of negative politics.

I challenge the Senator to talk about what you will do for the people of this country rather than tearing down the institution of the President. You cannot have it both ways. You cannot have it both ways, and I am sick and tired of

this kind of language polluting political airways and making our children wonder why they should vote.

He did not think he was miked. What you say in silence is what you will say everywhere you go. So whether you thought the mike on or not, Mr. KERRY, you were wrong.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). Members are cautioned not to make personal references to Members of the Senate even if they are apparently to be nominated Presidential candidates.

### UNJUST IMPRISONMENT OF NGUYEN VU BINH

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my outrage over the Vietnamese Government's imprisonment of Mr. Nguyen Vu Binh.

On December 31, 2003, writer Nguyen Vu Binh was sentenced to 7 years in jail plus 3 years of house arrest after that. His charge? Writing and exchanging with various opportunistic elements in the country and communicating with reactionary organizations abroad.

My colleagues might be surprised to know that the United States Congress is one of those reactionary organizations. On July 19, 2002, Mr. Binh submitted testimony to the congressional Human Rights Caucus, highlighting Vietnam's assault on human rights, and I would like to read an excerpt from that.

He said, "The ultimate goal of the Vietnamese government is to isolate, separate and divide the democracy activists. They achieve this goal through

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